



Weekly News

23rd August 2026

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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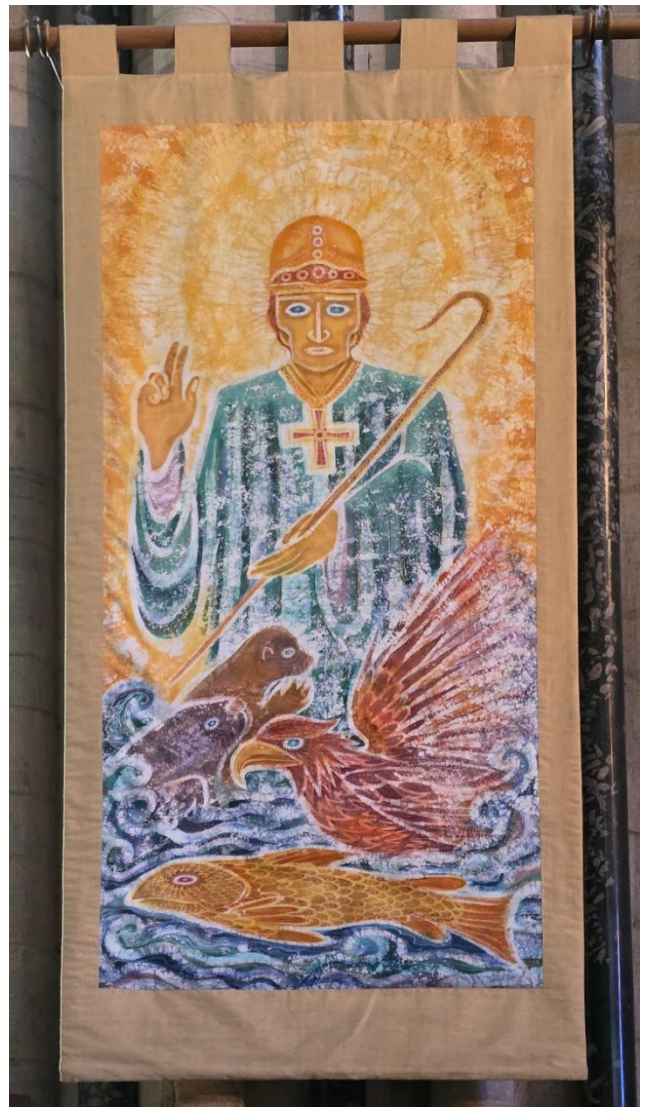
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Faith in the North: Cuthbert – connected with the natural world

Cuthbert, who was born around 635, is a key figure in the history of the North, although he was a quiet man, who loved nature and solitude, he still had great compassion for other people. Many stories about Cuthbert were gathered by the historian Bede and others. As a young man, he is said to have seen angels, in a stream of light, carry the shining soul of St Aidan to heaven. Inspired by this vision, Cuthbert decided to become a monk. He entered the monastery of Melrose and became prior there in 664. In the 670s Cuthbert moved to the island of Lindisfarne where he wanted to retreat to a remote place to focus on God and pray for the world. He sometimes prayed standing up to his waist in the cold sea and we are told that otters came to warm his feet with their breath and dry them with their fur when he came out of the water. Another story tells of Cuthbert walking beside a river when an eagle came down from the sky carrying a fish; after giving half of it to the eagle, Cuthbert and his companions fed themselves with the other half.

Many people came to visit him at Lindisfarne, and he did not turn anyone away. The king insisted that Cuthbert became a bishop. Then he retired to the remote island of Inner Farne, one of the Farne Islands off the coast of Bamburgh, to live as a hermit. Cuthbert died on Inner Farne in 687 with only sea birds and seals for company. He wished to be buried there, but the monks took his body back to Lindisfarne.

His life is celebrated each year on 20th March.



What happened after Cuthbert died?

The story of Cuthbert does not end at his death. In 698, Cuthbert's tomb on Lindisfarne was reopened and it was discovered that his body had not decomposed in any way. His tomb quickly became a magnet for pilgrims. Miracles reported at his grave became so numerous that Cuthbert was canonised as a saint.

When, after repeated Viking attacks, the monks finally abandoned the monastery on Lindisfarne in 875, they carried Cuthbert's body with them in their wanderings around the North of England. Eventually, in 995, Cuthbert was laid to rest at Durham, where the monks established a new home.



You can also see Cuthbert's beautiful pectoral cross in the Cathedral Treasury

Behind the high altar of Durham Cathedral, you can see where the great shrine of St Cuthbert stood as a major place of pilgrimage until the Reformation. Hung on the pillars on each side of St Cuthbert's shrine are banners of St Oswald and St Cuthbert, designed by Thetis Blacker in 2001. A photo of St Cuthbert's banner is on the front page and portrays him in his role as a Bishop, holding his staff, wearing the mitre hat and his pectoral cross pendant. In the sea are an otter, a seal and the eagle with a fish.

Today, many people still come here to pray and remember the way Cuthbert's life pointed to God.

2026 NiddArt Trail Live comes to St Peter's

The NiddArt Trail is a display of artists, artisans, photographers, workshops, and galleries showing paintings, ceramics, jewellery, photography, prints, textiles, glass and wood in and around Nidderdale.

From tomorrow Monday 24th to 31st August local artist Janie Thomas will be displaying her work in our Glass Foyer. Janie enjoys creating collages from existing, sometimes broken, unwanted and used materials. She uses acrylic paint in her mixed media artwork. All proceeds from sales will help support the work of St Peter's Church. Details of venues, opening dates, times and locations are in a leaflet and on a website incorporating hundreds of images, an interactive calendar and navigation:

<https://www.niddart.org.uk/>.

2026 NiddArt Trail

Live Trail 21 to 31 August

Online from 1st August

Arts and crafts at venues up, down and around Nidderdale, from Knaresborough to Lofthouse



Venue List & Calendar

Showcasing the diverse work of artists, crafts people and makers, in and around the communities of Nidderdale, and its Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

www.niddart.org.uk

Image: Lapwing - Gill Daly



Bipolar UK Support Group at St Peter's

Bipolar UK is the only national charity dedicated to empowering individuals and families affected by bipolar. There are over 80 online and in-person peer support groups registered in the UK. The Harrogate Bipolar UK peer support group meet on the **last** Wednesday of each month in the Music Room from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The next meeting is this week on Wednesday 26th August.



St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The **Ladies who Lunch** are meeting again at 12:45 pm on Wednesday 26th August 2026 at the Nomad Café on Beulah Street, which caters for various dietary requirements. If you would like to join them for food and fellowship, then please contact Sue Heapy (07540 355 305 or brynsusie@hotmail.com), so she can book you a place at their table.

Wanted! 200 people....

who can donate £10 each towards the headstock for the treble bell. My personal challenge is to raise £2,000 in 2 weeks in £10 bites. Cash or card payments to Hannah Beck 07503186455. Thank you so much for helping to support our ap'peal!



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Opening hours

Mon- Fri- 9am-9pm

Sat- 9am-1pm

Sun- 1pm-5pm



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Popular Organ Recital

by John Longstaff
St Peter's Organist and Director of Music
2:00pm Bank Holiday Monday 31st August
Organ music for a summer afternoon
Programme includes music by
Bach, Rheinberger, Elgar and Suppé
Tickets £10 including cream tea afterwards

Today's Services: 23rd August 2026

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

Sunday Club is closed for the Summer, but all children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area, where there are toys and activities to share during our Family Communion Service.

Hymns 10,000 reasons; **302** Jesus shall take the highest honour; **364** Lord, we give You praise; **362** Shine, Jesus, shine
Readings Isaiah 51 v 1 - 6
Matthew 16 v 13 - 20
Preacher: Stewart Davies

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Ireland in F (Jubilate)
Hymns 2, 599, 418
Psalm 104 v 1 - 10
Readings Isaiah 51. 1-6
Matthew 16. 13-20
Anthem All things bright and beautiful (*Rutter*)
Preacher: Stewart Davies

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Ireland in F
Hymns 523, 379, 14
Psalm 97
Readings Isaiah 61 v 1 - 9
2 Corinthians 6 v 1 - 10
Anthem Now the God of Peace (*Knight*)
Preacher: Hannah Beck

Our Duty Wardens today are:
Mike Davies and
Rachel Fell

Prayer Ministry at the 9:30 am service

At the 9:30 Service we offer prayer with members of our Prayer Ministry Team. If you would appreciate prayer for any reason, please come to St Mary's Chapel after you have received Communion and wait in the pews there. The team members will introduce themselves, ask for your prayer request and pray with you.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Peternella Clarkson, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Tim Harrison, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Christine Jepson, Miriam Jones, Joan Kelly, Bill and Margaret Osborne, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Celia Preston, Michelle Simon and Sally Sneddon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	St Aidan's CE High School Sanctuary , St Peter's Youth Group
Tues	All those providing care or help to a vulnerable person St Peter's Pastoral Support Team
Wed	SHINE, community organisation based at St Stephen's Church, West Bowling Carole Raw, Parish Administrator
Thurs	All emergency service workers The staff and officers at Harrogate Police Station
Fri	Mike Davies, Churchwarden St Peter's Players
Sat	Those who are close to death St Michael's Hospice

Daily Bible Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and is live streamed on Facebook – join in by following the links on our website. As part of our 'Year of John', the New Testament readings are all from the Gospel of John. These are the readings we will be using this week:

Mon	BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE Psalm 86 Genesis 28 v 10 - 17 John 19 v 31 - 37
Tues	Psalm 106 2 Samuel 12 v 1 - 25 John 19 v 38 - 42
Wed	Psalm 111 2 Samuel 15 v 1 - 12 John 20 v 1 - 10
Thurs	Psalm 115 2 Samuel 15 v 13 to end John 20 v 11 - 18
Fri	Psalm 139 2 Samuel 16 v 1 - 14 John 20 v 19 - 25
Sat	<i>The Beheading of John the Baptist</i> Psalm 121 2 Samuel 17 v 1 - 23 John 20 v 26 - 31

The Collect for *The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

(Common Worship)

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for *The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*
(Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve:

Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

What's on This Week

St Peter's Church is open to visitors from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Monday to Thursday, and Saturdays, but from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm on Fridays.

This week the NiddArt Trail comes to the Glass Foyer at St Peter's showcasing the work of local collage and mixed media artist, Janie Thomas

Mon 24th	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
Tues 25th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 26th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 12:45 pm St Peter's Ladies who Lunch are meeting at the Nomad Café on Beulah Street 7:00 – 9:00 pm Harrogate Bipolar UK support group 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 27th	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 11:00 am Holy Communion No Choir Practice tonight
Fri 28th	9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room 10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team 7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's
Sat 29th	10:00 am – 3:30 pm <i>St Peter's Players</i> are holding a Refreshment Day to raise funds for their upcoming production <i>Jesus Christ, Superstar</i>
Sun 30th	<i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 30th August 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
6:30	Choral Evensong

St Peter's Food Ministry:

The Breakfast Club provides a free, hot breakfast every morning from Monday to Saturday (8:15 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need.

Our mini-supermarket is on Thursdays from 4:20 – 4:40 pm – an opportunity to stock up on tinned, preserved and dried food and toiletries.

Colouring Calm: artwork from our Curate, Juliet Balme

Here is some Colouring Calm artwork for you to use at home, enjoy a prayerful peaceful moment as you colour, to come closer to God in this creative way.



Friends of the late Barbara Blinston

There will be a burial service at Harlow Hill Cemetery at 11.00 on Thursday 3rd September, conducted by Canon Michael Glanville-Smith. Barbara wanted family and Harrogate friends to attend. Afterwards, there will be a service of celebration at 13.30pm at St James, Silsden, which people are also welcome to attend.

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



St Peter's Canine Code



- Well-behaved dogs are welcome.
- Please keep your dog in one place throughout the service.
- Please do not bring your dog to the communion rail.

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (30th August) will be noon on Wednesday 26th August. Please send any items (including photos) to **The Parish Office** or to **the Vicar**, Alan Garrow.
alan.garrow@gmail.com



New to St Peter's? Please fill in one of the welcome cards at the end of the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.

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